

House Resolution No. 3316

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State educational leaders who have admirably demonstrated their true value as citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Dr. Kent Farnsworth of Neosho has served as President of Crowder College for nineteen years, an educational endeavor which he will bring to an end in retirement on June 30, 2004; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Holly Farnsworth, Dr. Kent Farnsworth has not only developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as head of Crowder College, but also as an active member of the Neosho community through his efforts with the Neosho Chamber of Commerce, which he served as a two-term board member; Rotary; YMCA, which he served as President of the board; and the Economic Development Commission; and

Whereas, Dr. Kent Farnsworth is the author of various articles in educational publications and is a professional presenter throughout the United States; and

Whereas, no stranger to well-deserved honors and accolades, Dr. Kent Farnsworth is the recipient of a Werner Kubsch Award for Outstanding Achievement in International Education from Community Colleges for International Education, Citizen of the Year recognition from the Neosho Chamber of Commerce, a Distinguished Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association, a Transformational Leader in Higher Education Award from the League for Innovation, the Region V Pacesetter of the Year Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, a National Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award from the American Community College Trustees, and a Community Leadership Award from the Neosho City Council; and

Whereas, Dr. Kent Farnsworth is the winner of the AACJC Presidents Academy “Best Speeches” competition; and

Whereas, in 1994 Dr. Kent Farnsworth became a Fulbright Hays Scholar to Pakistan followed in 1996 as a Malone Summer Fellow to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar career of Dr. Kent Farnsworth in higher education and to convey to him this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as he brings to a close nineteen years as President of Crowder College and our best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dr. Kent Farnsworth of Neosho, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson, Dist. #130

Representative Marilyn Ruestman, Dist. #131

Representative Ronald F. Richard, Dist. #129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3316, adopted June 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker